

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Monday, **August 10, 2020** at 10:00 A.M. held in County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by the Reeve, Mr. Craig Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

			ATTENDANCE
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Monday, August 10, 2020</u>	
1	Dan Gawalko	Virtually Present	
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Virtually Present	
3	Craig Lukinuk	Virtually Present	
4	Lorne Halisky	Virtually Present	
5	Randy Orichowski	Virtually Present	
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Absent	
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Absent	
Plan/Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present	
Plan/Dev Assistant	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present	
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present	

One Member of the Media was virtually present: Smoky Lake Signal.
Two Members of the Public were virtually in attendance.

Michelle Wright, Smoky Lake Region Community Economic Development Officer, was virtually present as an observer.

2. Agenda:

978-20: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Monday, August 10, 2020, be adopted, as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

No Minutes.

6. Correspondence:

Métis Crossing Board of Directors - Joint Meeting

979-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Métis Crossing Board of Directors Joint Meeting, scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Métis Crossing Cultural Gathering Centre for the purpose of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and the Métis Crossing Board of Directors sharing information with Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Councils.
Carried.

Redwater-Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit – Annual Charity Golf Tournament

980-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County sponsor the Redwater-Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit, Year-2020 Annual Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for August 30, 2020, to be held at the Smoky Lake Town & Country Golf Course, by providing funds in the amount of \$200.00 to sponsor a hole, plus Smoky Lake County promotional items for prizes valued in the total amount of \$50.00, for a total combined contribution valued in the amount of \$250.00 towards the event.
Carried.

Meeting Recess

Meeting recessed for Public Hearing, time 10:11 a.m.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Bylaw No. 1381-20: A Bylaw to Amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14

1.0 Opening

The Public Hearing was **called to order at 10:15 a.m.** by the Reeve, Craig Lukinuk in the presence of all Council members, Planning and Development Manager, Planning and Development Assistant, Recording Secretary, **2 members of the public, 1 member of the media, and the Smoky Lake Region Community Economic Development Officer.**

Confirmation was provided by the Planning and Development Manager, that the Public Hearing had been advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation.

The purpose of the hearing was summarized:

To obtain public input in regard to [Bylaw No. 1381-20: A Bylaw to Amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14 to provide definitions for a range of accommodation types, and to allow for these accommodation types to be located Commercial \(C2\) Districts including within the Victoria District.](#)

2.0 Staff Presentation

Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager provided the following information:

Proposed **Bylaw No. 1381-20** background:

- Smoky Lake County Bylaw #1381-20 proposes to amend Land Use Bylaw #1272-14 to provide definitions for a range of accommodation types, and to allow for these accommodation types to be located within the Victoria Commercial (C2) District.
- October 25, 2018 – In its 2018 – 2020 Strategic Plan, Smoky Lake County Council identified a series of priorities, including an Economic Development Plan leveraging the Victoria District as a tourism asset, to be adopted by Q3 of 2020.
 - Since October 2018, Smoky Lake County has been working on developing an economic development strategy focused on leveraging the distinct heritage and cultural assets located within the Victoria District.
 - To this end, Smoky Lake County hopes to use these assets to attract tourists to the region.
 - Currently, there is a shortage of accommodation units and types to maximize the potential of tourism and tourism-based business attraction to the region.
 - Currently, Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaw 1272-14 allows for “motels” within the C2 District, however, the definition for “motel” is restrictive, and does not allow for a range of accommodation types that would allow the County to become a viable destination for tourists with varying preferences for accommodation types.
- June 29, 2020 – Meeting with Representatives from Metis Crossing.
 - Following the recent completion of the Cultural Gathering Centre at Metis Crossing, the Metis Nation of Alberta has plans to develop a lodge (approximately 40 rooms), star-gazing pods (approximately 10), eco-cabins (approximately 10) and potentially complimentary uses (e.g. food and beverage lounge, personal services shops, etc.).

- The Smoky Lake County Planning and Development Department was invited to attend a project scoping/planning session with the contractor to discuss design requirements and site planning.
- A tentative Core Area Master Site Plan for the Metis Crossing development is attached for reference.
- A Public Participation Plan was also accepted at the May 29, 2020 Meeting of Joint Council, and a Joint Virtual Public Hearing has also been scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on June 26, 2020 to obtain public input on the proposed Bylaws in accordance with Section 230 of the Municipal Government Act.
 - Public Notice has been advertised for two weeks consecutively on social media and in newsprint in the Redwater Review on July 27 and August 3, 2020.
 - The Smoky Lake Signal has been on sabbatical during this period, and thusly, was not advertised.
 - Public Notice has also been posted on the Smoky Lake County website since July 21, 2020.

Leon Hunter-Boychuk, Métis Crossing Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:24 a.m.

3.0 Public Presentations Via Written Submissions

There was no written submission received.

4.0 Public Presentations at the Public Hearing

There were **no** Members of the Public virtually present who requested to speak **in opposition** of proposed **Bylaw No. 1381-20**.

There were **two** Members of the Public virtually present who requested to speak **in support** of proposed **Bylaw No. 1381-20**:

Hank Holowaychuk, Member of the Public spoke **in favour** of **Bylaw No. 1381-20** including the following point:

- It will position the County, Region, and Investors in a good position to meet the needs of the growing tourism market and provide adequate accommodations, as a long-term beneficial initiative.

Leon Boychuk-Hunter, Manager of Métis Crossing spoke **in favour** of **Bylaw No. 1381-20** including the following point:

- This is an integral piece of the business strategy to allow for an increase in the spend per visitor.

5.0 Questions and Answers

There were no questions.

6.0 Closing Remarks

There being no further presentations.

The public hearing and discussion on Smoky Lake County's proposed **Bylaw No. 1381-20: A Bylaw to Amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14**, was declared closed, time **10:43 a.m.**

County Council Meeting

The Smoky Lake County Council Meeting reconvened, at a call to order by Reeve Lukinuk, time **10:50 a.m.**

4. Request for Decision:

Bylaw No. 1381-20: A Bylaw to Amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14

981-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1381-20: a Bylaw to Amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14** for the purpose of providing definitions for a range of accommodation types, and to allow for these accommodation types to be located within Commercial (C2) Districts including the Victoria District, be given **SECOND READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Halisky that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1381-20: a Bylaw to Amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14** for the purpose of providing definitions for a range of accommodation types, and to allow for these accommodation types to be located within Commercial (C2) Districts including the Victoria District, be given the **THIRD and FINAL READING** and that the Reeve and the Interim Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents and that the corporate seal also be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary.

Carried.

Former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds Reclamation & Remediation - Plan 5225CL; OT

982-20: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County proceed to advertise the Request for Proposal for Site Reclamation and Remediation of the Former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds, legally described as Plan 5225CL; OT (Pt.SE-16-59-19-W4M), on the: Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC), County Social Media, and Smoky Lake Signal and Redwater Review newspapers, with a closure date of August 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. MST.

Carried.

11:33 to 11:35 a.m.

9. Public Question and Answer Period:

Hank Holowaychuk, Member of the Public and Mayor of Smoky Lake:
Q: Are the County Council Chambers open to the Public for them to attending meetings?

Councils' reply:

A: Public Engagement will continue to be held virtually unless social distancing requirements can be met within Council Chambers.

5. Issues for Information:

No Issues for Information.

7. Delegation:

No Delegation.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

983-20: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Council meeting of August 10, 2020, be adjourned, time 11:35 a.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER